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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03560 filed October 27, 1999 which designates the U.S., and that International Application was published under  
PCT Article 21(2) in English.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**